

Georgia Department of Human Resources

WOMEN'S HEALTH MEDICAID PROGRAM for Women with Breast and Cervical Cancer

What is the Women's Health Medicaid Program?

- Provides full coverage Medicaid for eligible women under 65 who have breast and/or cervical cancer and need treatment.
- It is a partnership of the Georgia Department of Human Resources and the Georgia Department of Community Health, funded by the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000 with matching funds appropriated by the state through the Georgia Cancer Coalition.

Who:

- Women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer or cervical pre-cancer (CIN II or III) who are eligible for the Georgia Breast and Cervical Cancer Program and have an income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.
- Women who have no health insurance coverage and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicare or Medicaid.
- Georgia residents who are U.S. citizens or qualified aliens.

Why:

- Saves lives from breast and cervical cancers.
- Approximately 1,000 Georgia women will lose their lives this year from breast cancer and 130 will die of cervical cancer. A disproportionate number of deaths occur among women of minority or low-income groups.
- When breast cancer is diagnosed and treated early, 97% of women will survive five or more years.
- When cervical cancer is diagnosed and treated early, nearly 100% of women will survive five or more years.

Where:

- County health departments and partner providers screen women for eligibility for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program and help women complete presumptive eligibility forms for Medicaid.
- Information regarding the Women's Health Medicaid Program can be obtained from county health departments; ask for the Georgia Breast and Cervical Cancer Program, BreasTEST & MORE coordinator.

